

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Program 1.2**

**Question No. 103**

**Senator McKenzie asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2012:**

1. Local governments in Victoria have advised me that courses run by the Australian Emergency Management Institute are highly competitive and it can be difficult for regional Victorian local governments to access this training. Given the natural disasters experienced by areas of regional Victoria in recent years, are there any plans to expand access to courses for regional Victorian local governments?
2. Are there any courses planned for 2012 in regional Victoria? What, when and where will these be available?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

1. The Australian Emergency Management Institute or AEMI is based in regional Victoria in the Macedon Ranges Shire. Courses have a 'Prevention Preparedness Response Recovery' (PPRR) emphasis and are open to applicants from bodies, nationally, who have a role in Emergency Management (EM).

Of all activities held at AEMI during 2011:

- Local Government attendees accounted for 16% (317 course participants).
- Of these, 71% were from regional local government areas (LGAs).
- Of the 126 Victorian LGA attendances, 92 (73%) were from Victorian regional LGAs.

For enrolments in 2012 to date:

- 30% (228) are LGA attendees
- 76% of these being from regional LGAs.
- Of the Victorian LGA attendances, 123 are from regional LGAs which accounts for 76% of all LGA attendees.

2. AEMIs program of activities is scheduled 6-12 months in advance. The program takes into account the requirements of EM stakeholders and the demand for places based on the previous year's enrolments. All activities are scheduled for delivery at AEMI. The exceptions to this are activities where individual EM bodies have contracted AEMI to deliver courses in jurisdictions in a user-pays capacity.

The details for the scheduled courses, including course description and dates can be found at the AEMI website at [www.em.gov.au](http://www.em.gov.au)